REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1-19 are now in the application. Claims 1 and 15 have been amended. Claim 19 has been added.

The appeal has been withdrawn before decision and the accompanying RCE is being filed in order to further amend the claims of the application.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-19 are solicited.

Please charge any fees which might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A., No. 12-1099.

Respectfully submitted,

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